

## 40 HURT IN CRASH OF B. R. T. WOODEN AND STEEL TRAINS

Several official investigations were started to-day into a B. R. T. rear-end collision in which forty persons were hurt, one seriously, at Broadway and Putnam Avenue, Brooklyn.

At 11:15 last night, fifteen injured passengers, after being treated in the Bushwick Hospital, a block away, were sent home.

John Williams of No. 1638 Steffens Street, Brooklyn, motorman of the four-car steel train which crashed into the forward train, was held in \$5,000 bail for a hearing July 1 to-day in the Gates Avenue Court. The charge is felonious assault.

Conductor Steffens is under arrest at his home on a charge of felonious assault. He is charged with disregarding regulations requiring trainmen to go back 200 feet with a red flag after his train has stopped.

William Kessler, No. 100 Fountain

Avenue, Brooklyn, motorman on the forward train, is in Bushwick Hospital in a dying condition from a fractured skull.

Martin Stephens, sixty years old, No. 938 Gates Avenue, the conductor, was treated for three broken ribs and sent home.

Others treated for less serious injuries were: Charles Robbins, an actor, blind, No. 118 Chestnut Street, Brooklyn; George McCann, actor, No. 178 Pennsylvania Avenue, Brooklyn; Michael Miller, jockey, Jamaica track; Sidney Robertson, jockey, Jamaica track; Edward Dempsey, No. 107 Flushing Avenue, Jamaica; William J. Gibbs, No. 87 Smith Street, Brook-

lyn; Ray Owens, No. 405 Ferris Street, Woodhaven; Jesse Dozier, Sheephead Bay; Fred Taub, No. 112 Glenn Street, Queens; Peter Salmoro, Shelton Avenue, Jamaica; and Joseph Goring, No. 361 Christopher Street, Brooklyn.

ALEXington Avenue local train of two wooden cars, in charge of Kessler bound for Jamaica, stopped so Kessler could get off and put out a fire in some "dead" cars on the express track a few feet away.

Coming up behind was a four-car steel train bound from Times Square for Canarsie, in charge of Motorman John Williams. While fighting the fire, Kessler apparently saw the ap-

proaching train and tried to get back to his own.

At that moment the steel cars rammed the two stalled wooden ones, knocking both from the track and demolishing the rear platform of the second car. Kessler was caught as he climbed to his train.

No one on the steel train was hurt and the cars were not damaged. All the injured were on the wooden cars, where the passengers had been thrown into a panic by the fire and collision.

Policeman William Young, a passenger on the steel train, said he saw the red tail lights on the train ahead. Why he did not stop his train Motorman Williams has not explained. Williams was arrested and locked up in the Ralph Avenue Station. He will be arraigned in the Gates Avenue Court. He is thirty-five years old and lives at No. 123 Stevens Avenue, Queens.

After the crash ambulances were summoned from five hospitals in that section. A number of soldiers aboard the trains aided policemen and firemen under Battalion Chief McGuire in rescuing the passengers by means of ladders raised to the elevated structure.

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forces, will form a spectacular fleet as the vessel comes up the Bay. Among the pilots who will fly are Eddie Hickenbacher, Major Jimmy Meissner of Brooklyn, and Douglas Campbell, Lieut. Commander Mount U. S. N. of the Rockaway Naval air base, will command the naval sea-plane escort.

According to Laurence L. Driggs, President of the American Flying Club, a reception will be held at the Hotel Commodore for the flyers as soon after their landing is possible. Delegations from the Aero Club of America and the American Flying Club will go down the Bay to meet the Zeppelin.

Maximilian's Widow Reaches 70; Ignorant of World Events.

BRUSSELS, June 7 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Charlotte, widow of Emperor Maximilian of Mexico, was seventy-nine years old to-day. She is in good health and lives at the Chateau de Bouclot, near Antwerp, which was unharmed by the Germans. She seems to have remained in ignorance of the happenings of the last five years and only manifested anxiety when the big guns thundered during the siege of Antwerp.



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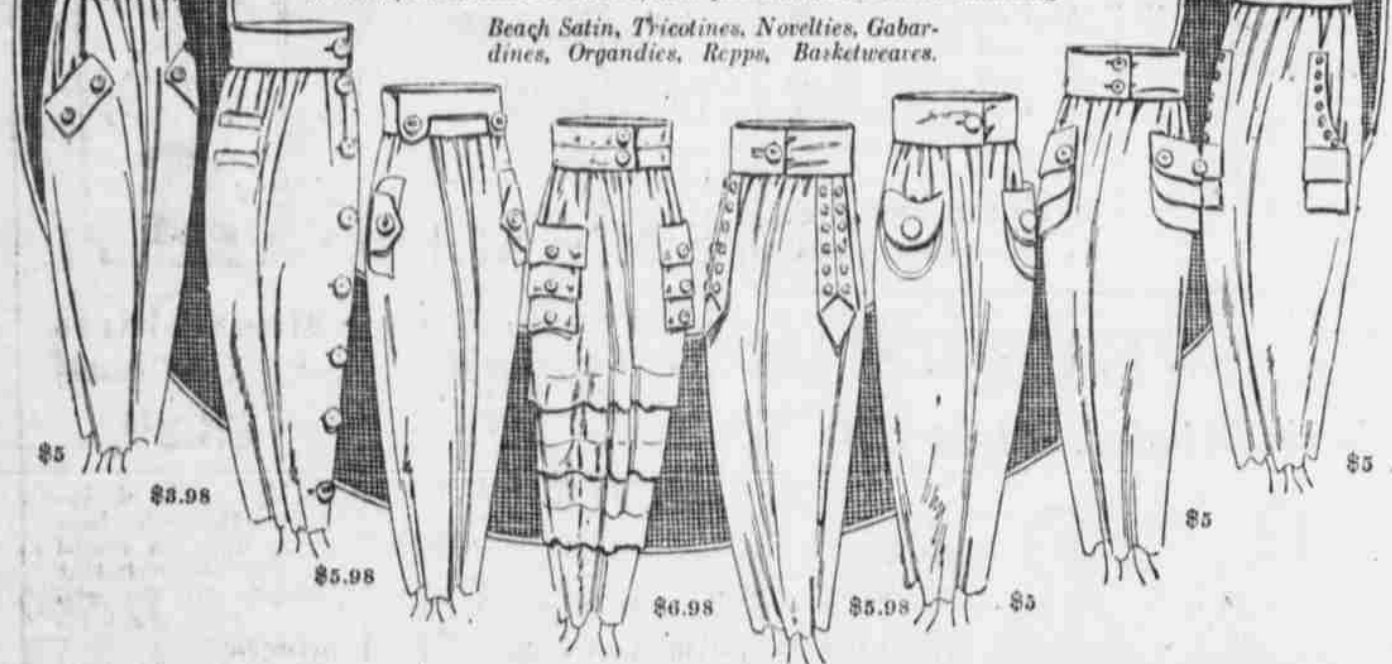
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"Please help a poor man who hasn't got a cent and can't work," begged Asa Muller, sixty-three, of No. 9 Bowery, of passersby in Elmhurst, Queens, yesterday.

Many gave to the old man, but one grew suspicious and called a policeman, who arrested Muller as a mendicant. He was searched at the Elmhurst Police Station. In a pocket of his coat was found \$498.95.

"I can't trust the banks," the old man said.

### NURSE SKEELS TO TESTIFY.

Will Take Stand in Own Defense in Murder Case.

LAWRENCE, Mass., June 24.—With the evidence of the prosecution nearly completed, Mrs. Beatrice M. (Skeels) Lundgren, the nurse charged with the murder of Miss Florence W. Gray of Andover, whom she is alleged to have poisoned, was expected to take the witness stand in her own behalf to-day. Her counsel said that the defendant, still suffering from the effects of a recent illness and operation, would probably be under direct examination two hours.

### Seven Hurt by Bomb Explosion on Manila Street Car.

MANILA, June 24.—Seven persons, including two Americans sailors, were seriously injured today by a bomb which had been placed aboard a crowded street car and which exploded after the motorman had kicked it into the street. One man has been arrested. A strike of street car employees is in progress.

### General Strike Threat in France.

PARIS, June 24.—The National Metal Workers' Union has issued a communication saying that it has given authority to the Federation of Metal Workers to convoke a meeting of inter-federal unions in view of taking "general united action." This is believed to imply that a simultaneous general strike of all trades may be proposed.

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